

[English]

Incentives to Small Scale Industries

6629. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incentives the Government are likely to provide to Small Scale Industries with the change in Industrial Policy recently;

(b) whether the subsidies given as inputs to such industries is proposed to be done away with due to change of approach of the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) The facilities and incentives for the promotion of small scale industries have been outlined in the "Policy Measures for Promoting and Strengthening Small, Tiny and Village Enterprises" laid in Parliament on 6th August, 1991.

(b) and (c). Government do not consider it necessary to introduce a scheme of Central Investment Subsidy for small scale units in rural areas and backward regions in view of the policy Measures for Promoting and Strengthening Small, Tiny and village Enterprises announced on 6.8.91 which include a new scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development (including technological back-up services) for small scale industries to facilitate location of industries in rural/backward areas.

Expansion of T.V. Network

6630. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the T.V. programmes do not reach the people in large areas of southern most parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal for the expansion of T.V. network in the extremes southern most parts covering more than eight districts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Southern districts in the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu lie within the coverage areas of the existing TV transmitters in the respective States. However, parts of these districts do not receive TV service on account of terrain conditions.

(b) and (c) There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up TV transmitters in TV service in some southern parts of Tamil Nadu is envisaged to improve consequent upon commissioning of the high power transmitter under implementation at Rameshwaram.

Uniform salary Grades In Technical Departments

6631 SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether different technical departments follow different salary grades and some department have one or two additional grades for scientific and technical personnel;

(b) if so, the details and the action taken to have uniform salary grades;

(c) whether the period of eligibility to move from one grade to another is uniform in various technical departments; and